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Violence In Sydney Strike

Sydney, Mar. 18.
Two councillors were injured and several other persons kicked and beaten here today when waterside workers interrupted meetings of protest against the holding up of food ships by the six week-old dockers' strike.
The Legislative Council for New South Wales, Mr. Bridges, was attacked as soon as he opened the meeting. The speakers' dais was overturned and Mr. Bridges was struck as he lay on the ground. He received facial injuries.
The police, who arrived in answer to a riot call, made several arrests and formed a cordon round Mr. Bridges who was speaking with blood pouring from his mouth. Even then two men broke through the police cordon and knocked Mr. Bridges down again before the police could overpower them.
The waterside workers were said to be led by Communists and a Communist spokesman, who addressed the crowd later, said: "I hope we have convinced the people that we are not going to let this sort of thing go on."
(Seventy-seven ships are idle and perishable foodstuffs are piling up as a result of the six week old Sydney dockers' strike).
Speakers at the meeting called for volunteers to unload the foodships in Sydney.—Reuter.

FOUND DEAD IN BUSHES

London, Mar. 17.
Miss Lydia Sturgeon, aged 24, of Arnold Court, Truro Road, Round Green, who disappeared from a solicitor's office off Piccadilly, a fortnight ago, has been found dead in some undergrowth at Ascot Racecourse.
There is no sign that she had been attacked, and no indication of how she died. A post mortem examination is being held.
Miss Sturgeon went to work as usual at the solicitor's office in Bolton Street, Piccadilly, on March 3, and left there at noon. She was not seen again until her body was found.—Reuter.

CHINESE CAFE OWNER SHOT

Philadelphia, Mar. 17.
A well-known Chinese restaurant proprietor Henry Jinan was today shot dead in the basement of his north Philadelphia establishment in what the police describe as a robbery attempt.
The office safe at the Asia Restaurant was found locked but approximately \$54,700 was missing.—United Press.

Mediation But Not Intervention

Shanghai, Mar. 18.
"Joint mediation" but not "joint intervention" in China's affairs by the participants of the 1945 Moscow Foreign Ministers conference is advocated here by the Chinese Democratic League.
Supplementing the written statement, the Democratic League spokesman, Lo Lung-chi, said that friendly mediation is not opposed by the Chinese people since mediation and intervention in her domestic affairs are "two different things."
He "could not see the necessity for the Government to reject a review of the Chinese situation" as proposed in Moscow by the Russian Foreign Minister, V.M. Molotov, who finally agreed to invite participation of Chinese representatives.
He pointed out that a settlement of the China issue depends on the cooperation of the Big Three.
The League protests against alleged wholesale arrests of persons in Peking and Tientsin and frequent disappearance of

FLOOD HAVOC IN ENGLAND

Thames Continues To Rise Alarming

River Cam Bursts Its Banks

London, Mar. 17.
Twelve people were killed, scores injured and many thousands of pounds worth of damage was done in last night's hurricane, which in places reached almost 100 miles per hour. Most of the deaths were caused by trees crashing on to buses and cars.
Whipped by wind, the flooded Thames today became a mass of swirling water from Windsor to Weybridge and was still rising at mid-day today.

The police were swept downstream while trying to rescue families at Maidenhead. They were themselves rescued by a major who dived off his Sherman tank with a rope round his waist. Floodwater burst through the clay banks, putting the Windsor gas works, the playing fields of Eton were flooded and the head master sent the school's 1,100 boys home until the floods ended.
The low-lying fen country of Norfolk and the Isle of Ely was inundated today when the river burst its banks and streamed through a break 40 to 50 feet wide. The men who worked throughout yesterday sand-bagging and laying up the threatened banks were blown off their feet by last night's hurricane and had to abandon work.
Other river craft that brought back the British Expeditionary Force from Dunkirk during the war were out again today rescuing imperiled families in Thameside villages. In Wolverton, Oxford, flooded about the main streets in boats and old air force inflatable dinghies.
Here are some of the sidelights on last night's hurricane:
Without Trace
Suffolk—A farmer awoke this morning to find that five of his haystacks had vanished without trace. A poultry keeper found his hen sheltering in the garage, all that remained of their roof was the foundations.
Buckinghamshire villagers spent this morning gathering logs and wood from fallen trees, the first fuel that they have had for several weeks.
The Air Ministry forecast milder weather today but with considerable rain and gales to-morrow or later.
Five persons were killed under collapsing houses. Two girls were crushed to death in a bus, struck by a falling tree. A falling tree smashed in a roof of a German prisoner of war hut north of London seriously injuring 20 prisoners.
Across flooded southern England thousands of families are marooned.—Associated Press.

Trail Of Havoc
London, Mar. 17.
All over snowbound, flood-bound Britain the great gale has left a trail of havoc—houses and walls have crumbled, trees have been flung across roads and railways, telephones have been cut and transport disorganised.
Mr. Alma Thron, of Sandhurst (Berks), was killed when a sewer ventilating pipe was snapped off.

Widow Rescued
When a horde of women and children became alarmed, Sgt. Patrick Murnane, of Slough, plunged into seven feet of rushing water with a rope. He was swept away but reached firm ground minus his helmet to hand the tow rope to a waiting car which pulled the lady to the shore.
Other officers were rescuing an eighty-year-old widow from a roof when rockets were sent up from an almost submerged bungalow to tell them that some one was still inside. All efforts to reach the occupants failed, but cheerful voices assured them that they could hang on until daylight if need be.
At the Lea Bridge works of the Metropolitan Water Board, when flood waters put the filter beds out of action and imperilled the water supplies to one million people, the position was under control today, and four hundred tankers were rumbling around the streets today filling buckets, cans and any containers the people could find.—Reuter.

Windsor S.O.S.
London, Mar. 17.
Rushing flood waters of the normally placid River Thames named at sandbagged Hampton Water station today imperilled the drinking water supply for two and a half million Londoners.
The river is still rising at London and Maidenhead, two of the worst hit flood towns west of London. The Mayor of Windsor, housing the ancient castle town in a pole-propelled flat-bottomed punt, sent an SOS to the War Office to dispatch more amphibious "ducks" to assist the overloading of marooned families.
The Coldstream Guards, Britain's proud battle veterans whose post-war duties have included hauling meat during the transport strike and doing load duty during the coal and current crisis, were called out to pile sandbags about Hampton Water station.
The Thames was checked but only within a few inches of overflowing the sandbagged barricade. If water seeped into the pumping machinery London stood to lose a third of its water supply.
The river, approaching its all-time record height, lapped across three of the 200 to 300 more houses at Maidenhead Cove.
Half of Maidenhead faced a complete current cut, after a veritable rise in the flood level.

Fens Danger
About 400 families are affected at Windsor where a score of Guards are setting up a refugee centre and communal kitchens.
For the second day the river went below Windsor's main street, itself under five feet of water.
In the Fens hundreds of volunteers worked to strengthen the dykes. Main danger points are the villages of Crick and Willow.

Moscow, Mar. 18.
French sources said M. Bidault conferred with Stalin for about an hour and a half last night. Bidault is the first of the visiting Foreign Ministers to see Stalin.—Associated Press.

LEAFLETS ON MADRID

Madrid, Mar. 18.
A plane flew over the centre of Madrid last evening, dropping monarchist leaflets on to the city.
Madrid's main thoroughfare, calling for a royalist restoration.
"One of the leaflets read: 'Fifteen years without a monarchy have brought Spain one million dead as well as her economic and moral ruin. Long Live Don Juan III.'"
—Reuter.

Communism, Piracy Scourge

London, Mar. 18.
Allegations of "open piracy" and Communist-inspired strikes at Singapore were made in the annual report issued on Monday of the Eastern Bank Limited, which operates from Baghdad to Singapore.
The report also expressed fears for the future of India, where the political situation "necessitates causes anxiety to all concerned with affairs in that country and misgivings are inevitable as to the future."

Sir James Leighton, Chairman of the Board, discussing Singapore, said in the report, "There is great activity and profits are correspondingly good. Superficially there is general prosperity among merchants and traders who are, however, confronted with very heavily increased charges for administration. Fresh firms are opening—British and Dutch—and the Chinese who are born traders are steadily increasing their influence."

"x x x but Singapore," the report continued, "has been infected by the general malady throughout the world and strikes under Communist influence are of constant occurrence accompanied by lawlessness in many directions."

Declaring "the public press in Singapore have recently given instances of what is in effect open piracy in the port," the report said, "it is evident that the European police force requires strengthening at rates of pay which will attract the right sort of man."—Associated Press.

Stalin Taking A Hand
Moscow, Mar. 18.
Fresh indications that Stalin is taking an active, though behind the scenes, interest in the critical world problems now moving toward a showdown here, keyed the Council of Foreign Ministers to a new pitch.

The Soviet leader conferred for minutes with Foreign Minister Georges Bidault last night. After the prolonged council session at which M. Molotov demanded \$10,000,000,000 in reparations from Germany, M. Bidault was the first of the Big Four to call on Marshal Stalin.

United States Secretary of State Marshall and British Foreign Minister Bevin are expected to make such a visit in the immediate future. Marshall's visit is keenly awaited here for the effect it may have on Soviet-American relations which are none too good at the moment.—Associated Press.

Agitation By Arabs
Cairo, Mar. 17.
Sheikh Hassan Yassin, a representative of Saudi Arabia, President of the Arab League Council meeting here last night urged the Arab states to back Egypt's demands for the immediate British evacuation and the unity of the Nile Valley.

The Egyptian Premier, Nokrashy Pasha, leader of the Egyptian delegation, joined in applause at the mention of Egypt's demands.
Yassin stated, "Palestine must become an independent Arab country." He made no mention of the thorny Greater Syria plan, which is expected to be discussed during the present session.

It is reliably learned that the question of Anglo-Egyptian relations will be raised before the Council on the initiative of Saudi Arabia and not Egypt.—Reuter.

Gold Standard For China Too Drastic?

Shanghai, Mar. 18.
Doubt whether such a drastic change at this time was feasible was expressed by financial and business circles here today in commenting on Chinese press reports from Nanking that a proposal for the establishment of a gold standard for the Chinese currency has been submitted for consideration to the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, now meeting in the capital.

According to these reports, the proposal advocates firstly, the setting up of a gold standard.
Secondly, the issue of new gold unit notes which are redeemable in gold at the request of the bearer.
Thirdly, the cessation of further issue of additional present Chinese currency notes which would in future be used as subsidiary notes and recalled gradually.

Informed financial circles here describe the scheme as untimely and believe that the Chinese Government is unlikely to adopt at this juncture any new drastic measures which would disturb the precarious balance.
They admit, however, that

near Ely, and Luffa, Bedford, hit hard in the first rise of the Great Ouse, reported it was "holding its own" but expected to rise tomorrow.
Two hundred troops stood by to evacuate the Fen towns if necessary.—United Press.

The Government is known to be considering a new currency system which many quarters believe would be put to effect some time this year, provided the economic situation at the given time is opportune of the introduction of such a new currency system.—Reuter.

Another Scheme
Shanghai, Mar. 18.
The proposal for the adoption of a gold monetary standard submitted to the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang is likely to be defeated in view of wider support expected to be given to another programme to be introduced by the Standing Committee of the CEC which advocates no change in currency until the economic situation is stabilised.
It was reliably learned today.

Other features of the Standing Committee resolution suggest the issuance of bonds as well as gold savings certificates to help meet the budget deficit, and increased interest for bank savings in order to divert surplus capital from speculative markets.—United Press.

R.A.F. WOMEN PILOTS

London, Mar. 18.
Women will perform more combat flying duties in Royal Air Force operations for the first time since 1918, Air Minister Philip Noel-Baker told the House of Commons last night.
He said a "very limited number" would be trained at the start for communications work and other flying duties. The Government also planned the formation of a reserve flying branch for qualified women pilots, he said.—United Press.

Ex-Wrens First Lady Deck Hands

Sunderland, Mar. 18.
Mr. Glencannon would never believe it but some British sailors on the new freighter "La Cordillera" will wear white overalls and checked smocks when the ship leaves on her maiden voyage next week.

The sailors, 15 of them, will be women—the first lady freighter hands to sail in the British Merchant Marine. With the sanction of the National Union of Seamen as an "ex-petition only," the girls, all ex-WRENS, will serve as cooks and stewards.

"I am sure I am in favour of this experiment," said the ship's Master, Captain M. Frame. "Seafaring offers excellent opportunities to young women of the right type. I shall watch with great interest how these girls take to their work."

Choice Of Desperation
New York, Mar. 17.
The "New York Times," in an editorial today, said, "China seems to be plunging on into full-scale civil war. Any nation civil war can only be the choice of desperation—the last and dubious resort."

Quoting Kai-shek's words as strong and frank, perhaps he was encouraged by President Truman's brusque confrontation of Russia and our former stand against world Communism. Yet the Generalissimo's prospects of crushing the Chinese rebellion seem weaker than they were a year ago.

"His Government has lost prestige in the field and confidence at home. Yet it may be capable of one more mighty effort. If there is ever a final decision in China's desperate struggle, it is likely to be around Yenan."—United Press.

JAVA AGREEMENT SIGNING
Batavia, Mar. 18.
The Dutch Commission General announced here today that it had been authorised to sign "immediately" the agreement for a "united states of Indonesia," initiated at Lingradial, Java, last November.—Reuter.

INFORMER SHOT
Jerusalem, Mar. 18.
The claim that they had "executed" a young Jew in Heifa because he was an informer, was made by the Stern Gang terrorists in a leaflet distributed here last night.

The leaflet warned other possible informers of the "same fate."—Reuter.

THE WEATHER
The anticyclone in cover to be a ridge of high pressure extends from it towards the southwest. A vigorous and extensive depression centred over NW China is moving eastward.
Today's Forecast—Moderate or fresh E wind, veering and decreasing; weather cloudy and becoming increasingly misty.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 62.0 deg. F. Minimum 52.0 deg. F. Sunshine Nil. Rainfall Nil. Total since January 1—126.4 mm., as against an average of 129.9 mm.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Temp. at m.a.s.l. 101.7 101.2 m.b. Humidity 50 57 52 57 inches. Dew Point 50 50 50 50 deg. F. Wind Direction N.E. 2 E. Wind Force 15 14 knots.

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NEW NANKING RESIGNATION?

Nanking, Mar. 18.
A group of the Kuomintang's Central Executive Committee members today fired furious broadsides at Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh for his allegedly "weak-kneed, impotent" policy toward Soviet Russia.
The attack, directed mostly by CEC members identified by observers as leading followers of the powerful CC clique, was so strong that Dr. Wang announced his intention to resign at the conclusion of the current CEC session.

The speakers demanded a strong, positive policy toward Russia, and clamoured for the abandonment of "appeasement."

Mr. Ku Cheng-tung, who is Vice-Minister of Organisation and as such is right-hand man and as such is right-hand man under Minister Chen Li-fu, pointed out China has tried to be cordial toward Russia but the cordiality "is one-sided."

He said every ally, country, mentioning specifically the United States, Britain and France, has already opened diplomatic guns on Russia: "Why should China stay out?" he asked.

Concluding, Dr. Wang said there must be unity—at least within the party—before there can be a "wholesome, healthy foreign policy."—United Press.

A Limit
Mr. Shao Li-tze, one of the leading Kuomintang liberals and former Ambassador to Moscow, defended Dr. Wang. Both Mr. Shao and Dr. Wang are members of the Political Science Group, which opposed the CC clique.

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DINA HOUSE

Inouye Pleads Not Guilty

At yesterday's Criminal Ses-
sions, five of the 32 persons
arraigned before Mr. Justice
Williams (Pulane Judge), plead-
ed guilty and were sentenced
to varying terms of imprison-
ment.

Inouye Kanao, better known
as "Slap-Happy," pleaded not
guilty to a charge of High
Treason and will be defended
by Mr. C.E. Loseby, who has
been assigned to the defence
by the Crown.

Chan Wing Hang, Police
Sergeant, who is charged with
demanding money with menaces
and attempting to obtain a
bribe, pleaded not guilty
through his Counsel, Mr. M.A.
da Silva.

Mo-Lap Wo alias Mak Ki
alias Ma Chun alias Mo Wo,
was sentenced to six years' im-
prisonment with hard labour
and ten strokes of the cane on
his pleading guilty to a charge
of possession of arms and
ammunition.

Lai Ki, Lai Shu and Chung
Leung, who pleaded guilty to
assault with intent to rob,
possession of arms and two
counts of armed robbery, were
given a sentence of two years' im-
prisonment each. In addition,
first accused was ordered to
receive five strokes of the
cane; second and third accused,
ten strokes each.

Wong Tim, pleaded guilty to
charges of assault with intent
to rob and to possession of
arms, was sentenced to six
years' imprisonment with hard
labour and ten strokes of the
cane.

Mortuary By-Laws

A meeting of the Urban
Council yesterday approved the
adoption of a set of by-laws
governing Private Mortuaries.
This is to be inserted into the
Public Health (Sanitation) Or-
dinance, 1935.

The meeting also approved
the appointment of Mr. Yeung
Kam-on as an officer under the
Public Health (Food) Or-
dinance, No. 13 of 1935; and
the Adulterated Food and
Drugs Ordinance, No. 8 of
1935.

Applications were refused for
the use as habitations or shops
of 12 basement garages in Aus-
tin Road, Waterloo Road,
Austin Avenue and Soares
Avenue, Kowloon. The ap-
plicants were, however, granted
a period of six months to move
to other premises.

VIOLIN RECITALS

Two violin recitals by Mr.
Ma Sitsun will be given at the
Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden
tonight and Saturday. Mr. Ma
was a very popular and well-
known violinist in Hong Kong
before the war and this will be
his first appearance in Hong
Kong since the re-occupation.

GERMAN WOMAN IN COURT Fined For Not Registering

**Mrs. Elizabeth Poon, a German lady and a Chinese
subject by marriage, was yesterday fined \$100
by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magis-
tracy for not complying with the regulations
of the Registration of Persons Ordinance in
that being an alien other than of Chinese race
she did fail to register with the Police within
48 hours of her arrival in the Colony.**

Mr. M.A. da Silva appeared
for the defendant and at first
pleaded not guilty but later with-
drew the plea for one of guilty.
Sub-Inspector N.J. Gunning
said that defendant was in Hong
Kong in 1939 and at that time
was registered with the Police.
In 1939 under the Defence Regu-
lations her movements were re-
stricted as an enemy alien and in
June or July 1940 she was ex-
pelled from the Colony.

In May 1946 application was
made by the British Consul in
Shanghai for permission for de-
fendant to enter Hong Kong. In
August a similar application was
made by the British Consul at
Macao and some time later the
same month another was receiv-
ed from the British Consul in
Canton. All these applications
were refused.

In February 1947 information
was received that Mrs. Poon was
in the Colony. She was located
and charged for failing to regis-
ter with the police within 48
hours of her arrival in the Col-
ony, which appeared to have been
in September 1946.

S.I. Gunning concluded by
stating that he had been in-
structed to ask his Worship to take a
serious view of the case.

Married Chinese

Mr. Silva who pleaded guilty
said that the defendant was a
Chinese citizen and in possession
of a Chinese passport. She was
of German extraction and in 1932
married a Chinese student in
Berlin. Through this marriage
she became a Chinese subject and
lost her German citizenship. She
came to Hong Kong in 1938 and
when the necessary visa was
given her in Berlin she was in-
structed to report to the Immi-
gration Department when she ar-
rived in Hong Kong. Then war
came, she was restricted and later
taken in and sent away in July
1940 and went to Shanghai where
she remained throughout the war.

Mr. Silva stressed the fact that
in Shanghai she did not receive a
passport from the German Consul
or from any German organiza-
tion. She was told that all her
rights and privileges as a Ger-
man citizen had been lost through
her marriage. She had to carry
on her own with no Chinese
passport.

No replies had been received to
her application for permission to
enter Hong Kong, and in Shang-
hai she had been to the Ministry
of Foreign Affairs where she was
advised that there was no restric-
tion, as a Chinese subject, to en-
tering Hong Kong and she was
told that she would receive the
same treatment as any other
Chinese national.

Not Deliberate

On her arrival here she regis-
tered with the Chinese Ministry
of Foreign Affairs and when she
did, she was told that she was
still a Chinese subject and that
if she was interfered with the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs would
afford her protection. The mat-
ter had been referred to Nanking.
Mr. Silva said that there was no
deliberate attempt to evade regis-
tering. His client thought that
as a Chinese subject there was
no need of registration. This was
a first offence, there was no
previous record, there was no
question of evasion and she was
not an undesirable. It was due to
a misunderstanding that she did
not register.

European Cautioned

George A. Stepanow, 17-year-
old Russian fireman from S.S.
"Krylon" was cautioned when
he appeared before Mr. H. G.
Sheldon yesterday on a charge
of being drunk and disorderly.
Defendant said he could not
remember being a nuisance as
he was under the influence of
drink, nor did he know what
the other people were saying
as he could not understand
English.

Mr. Sheldon told him not to
let this type of thing happen
again or he would be sent to
prison and not given a second
chance.

The Skyways

The Skyways' Lancastrian
which left Hong Kong at 7 a.m.
on Saturday, March 16, arrived
at Heathrow, London at 2.30
p.m. on Monday, March 17.

Before fining defendant the
Magistrate said "In view of what
the defence counsel has said and
the production of documents as
evidence by the defence showing
defendant as a Chinese Subject,
I am imposing in this case a fine
of \$100 only as there is no doubt
that there has been a contraven-
tion of the Registration of Per-
sons Ordinance, where it is stated
that an alien other than a person
of Chinese race must register
with the police in the stipulated
time."

Marriages To Cost More

A Bill to amend the Marriage
Ordinance will be laid at Legisla-
tive Council's sitting this week.
Effect of the amendment is to
increase fees, which have remain-
ed the same since 1902, in cases
where the normal procedure in
obtaining a marriage licence is
not followed.

The new table of fees includes
only two increases—a marriage
licence will cost \$30 instead of
\$10, and a special licence \$150 in-
stead of \$50.

The new table of fees is as fol-
lows:—
Notice of Marriage Nil
Certificate of notice \$ 1
Search \$ 1
Certified copy \$ 1
Certificate of absence of any
record for a period not ex-
ceeding 10 years \$ 5
The same for period exceed-
ing 10 years \$ 10
Licence to Registrar of Mar-
riages to issue his certi-
ficate \$ 30
Special Licence \$150
Marriage at the office of the
Registrar of Marriages \$ 10

WEDDING AT REGISTRY

The marriage of Mr. Ronald
Adair, merchant, and Miss Mil-
dred Elizabeth Florence Cooper,
was solemnized at the Registry
yesterday. Mr. J. M. Hall of-
ficiated and Messrs. T. A. Pearce
and B. Cooper were the wit-
nesses.

The forthcoming wedding of
Leslie Hart Coker, B.M.H., to
Marie Ten Cate of 23 Nathan
Road, 3rd floor, Kowloon, is
announced.

Japs Taking Kindly To Democracy

A talk on various aspects of the Allied Occupation
of Japan was given by Mr. John Luter, cor-
respondent of the magazine "Fortune," at the
weekly Rotary luncheon yesterday.

Mr. Luter, after giving a
brief explanation of the ob-
jectives of the occupation, said
SCAP must be considered to
have done a good job, con-
sidering that the country had
been occupied only fifteen
months.

The Japanese people had taken
kindly to the democratization
programme laid down for the
nation by SCAP, and they had
regarded the new western
leaders. The keenest interest
was being taken in everything
western and democratic, and
one evidence of this was peo-
ple queuing up at the cinema
houses to see American pic-
tures.

The Japanese people are be-
ing allowed to work out their
own problems, and SCAP looks
on without interfering, unless
they overstep the bounds.

Japan's military collapse had
stunned the people, and with
the old ideas which the militar-
ists had hammered into their
heads gone, the people are in
confusion, with few ideas, to
take the place of the old ones.

Outstanding quality in the
people was still obedience to
authority and discipline, and this
factor was of immense help in the
work of the Occupation Force
throughout the 15 months of
the occupation not a single in-
stance of violence against Allied
personnel had been reported.

The Japanese people are en-
thusiastic in this new experiment
of democracy, and adopted the
new constitution with only a
few dissenting votes. However, it
must be borne in mind that they
are still by nature conservative.
The political party in power is
with the new ideas.

ILLEGAL EXPORT OF HANDBAGS

For trying to export 24 dozen
plastic hand bags without a
licence, Yau Hong, 30, was fined
\$250 by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.
Mr. Yau, 30, was prosecuted
after information had been
received that he was un-
lawfully exporting hand bags.
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\$250 for trying to export 24 dozen
plastic hand bags without a
licence.

FOOD FIGURES

The Labour Officer's Food and
Fuel Costs for the week ended
March 15, are as follows:

commodity	quantity	cost
Rice & Flour	7.2	7.0700
Vegetable	1.0	7.030
Salt Cabbage	2	3.000
Oil	7	1.5400
Tea	2	9.000
Salt Fish	3	3.070
Fish	4	7.720
Pork	3	8.640
Firewood	10.0	1.0000
Bean Curd, 14 pieces		7.0000
Total		14.4580

Wedding

Kotewall-Van Bergen
In the season's biggest
social wedding yester-
day, Miss Constance
Stella Van Bergen,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
George Van Bergen, be-
came the wife of Mr.
Lawrence Cyril Kote-
wall, son of Sir Robert
Kotewall and the late
Lady Kotewall.

The ceremony was performed
in St. John's Cathedral with the
Very Rev. Dean Rose officiat-
ing, assisted by the Rev. George
Sho. The witnesses were the
Hon. Mr. R.R. Todd, and
Messrs. D. Benson, T. W. Kwok
and Li Yik-mui.

The bride, who was given
away by her father, was dress-
ed in a white crepe moroccan
dress-draped skirt, trimmed
with fringe and beaded with
silver stars. Her coronet was
trimmed with silver stars with
a 5-ward veil.

She was attended by Miss
Patricia Kotewall as bridesmaid.
The flower girls were Miss
Gloria Baker, and the page
boy, Master Austin Cyril Lee.
The best man was Mr. John
Fenton.

After the church ceremony
the bridal party repaired to
the Hong Kong Hotel where a
large reception was held, at-
tended by well over a thousand
people from all sections of the
community.

The toast of the happy couple
was proposed by the Hon. Mr.
R.R. Todd. He was followed
by Mr. Hau Shih-ying, former
Acting Premier of China and
Ambassador to Japan, who in
proposing the health of the
two families, said it was his
privilege to have known Sir
Robert Kotewall for a great
many years. He had rendered
great service not only to the
Chinese in Hong Kong but had
done much in promoting closer
relations between Hong Kong
and Kwangtung. He was a
friend to all those in need and
the event of the day was there-
fore a matter of joy to all his
friends, foreign and Chinese
alike.

The second in the series of
fortnightly debates by the Hong
Kong Debating Society will be
held in the N.A.A.F.C. Club, Kow-
loon, tonight at 8 p.m.

The motion before the House
will be:—"In the opinion of this
House euthanasia should be
legalized."

In Hurry To Get Home

In a hurry to get home to
his wife, Cheung Lam, 36,
hawked, offered \$30 to District
Watchman Van Tai when he
was asked to accompany the
attorney to the Police Station.
The District Watchman looked
Cheung on a charge of offering
a bribe.

Before Mr. Blair-Kerr yester-
day, DSI Sykes informed
the Court that accused was on
Jan. 16 seen carrying a sack
containing canned food. He
was asked by the District
Watchman who stopped and
searched him to go to the Police
Station to give an account of
how he came to possess the
goods. On the way, Cheung
slipped \$30 into the watchman's
pocket.

At the Station, it was found
that defendant bought the
goods from a farmer in the
New Territories. The reason
he gave for offering the bribe
was that he was in a hurry to
go home to his wife who was
indisposed and thought that
some "tea money" would
eliminate delay.

Cheung was fined \$75 by the
Magistrate who remarked:
"You must not offer a bribe
to a public servant." The \$30
was ordered to be donated to
the Poor Box.

Solicitor's Clerk Jailed

Found guilty of obtaining
\$5,000 by false pretences from Li
Fong, on Jan. 27, Lo Tse-leung,
33, solicitor's clerk, was sentenced
to 12 months' hard labour by Mr.
Sainsbury at Central yesterday.

Mr. K. W. Shafrin of the Spec-
ial Branch conducted the pro-
secution, while Mr. Charles Loseby,
instructed by Mr. P. L. Lum, ap-
peared for the defendant.

Defendant allegedly obtained
\$5,000 from the complainant by
falsely pretending that the money
was used to bribe officials of the
Import and Export Department to
release 100 Mexican gold coins.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

SATURDAY, 22nd March 1947

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will
be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through numbers (8 Races—\$10) may be obtained at the Office
of the Treasurers, 1st Floor Exchange Building, also tickets for the
Special Cash Sweep (\$2.00) on the last race.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear
their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.
NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and
Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the
Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member,
such member to be responsible for all debts, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale
at the RACE COURSE.
The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and
the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor,
Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffls will be obtainable at the Club
House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy
(Tel. 27818).

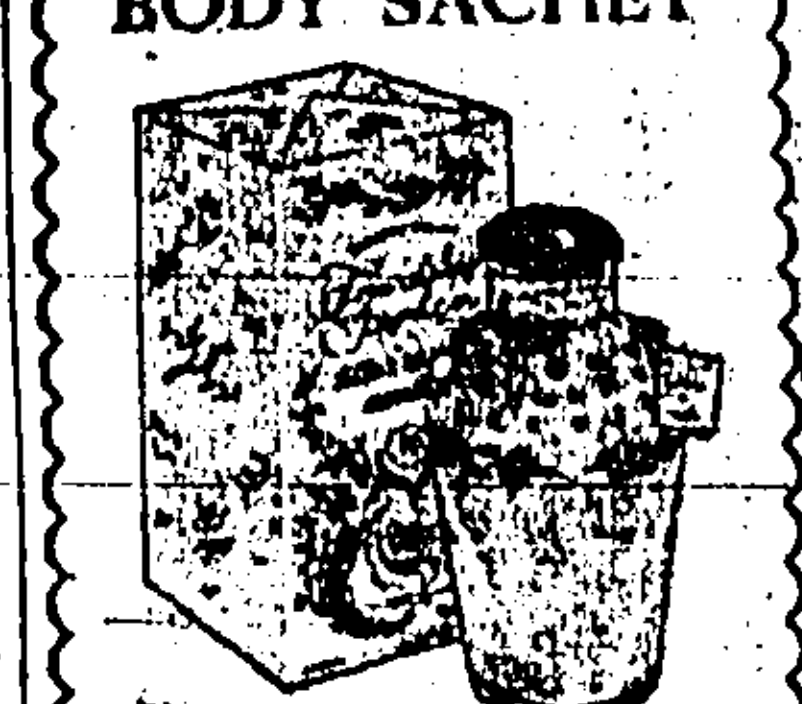
**NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S
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PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including
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Bookmakers' Tiffls, etc., will not be permitted to operate
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Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public
Enclosure.
SERVANTS' PASSES.
Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders
ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange
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Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their
possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the
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By ORDER
C. B. BROWN
Secretary

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BRITISH POWER BOATS LTD.

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Speed boats and other powered craft
Sole Agents in Hong Kong & South China:—
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Kowloon Gun Duel Described

A gun duel between a Police patrol and an armed man at the junction of Waterloo Road and Portland Street on Dec. 17 was recalled at Mr. Blair-Kerr's Court yesterday when His Worship, with the assistance of a jury, conducted an inquiry into the death of Au Sang, who died at the Queen Mary Hospital on Feb. 16.

Chun Sang, P.C. 1137, who exchanged shots with the deceased, testified that at about 6.30 p.m. on Dec. 17, he was, with Abdul-lah Abbas (EU 200), at the junction of Waterloo Road and Portland Street when they saw two men coming towards them. They called upon the men to stop and submit to search. One put his hands up, but the other ran off and, when about 10 feet away, turned round and fired at them. He returned the fire and, after

the second shot, saw the fugitive drop. As he was approaching, he was again fired upon. After the man had been overcome with the assistance of Abbas (who emptied his revolver against the deceased), witnesses found that he had been hit in the thigh.

Dr. P. S. Court, of Kowloon Hospital, said deceased was admitted to hospital in a critical condition, and made a recovery which enabled transfer to the Queen Mary Hospital on Jan. 20. At the time of admission, deceased was suffering from six bullet wounds.

Dr. Kwan Siu-yew, of Queen Mary Hospital, stated that the cause of death was multiple gunshot wounds, and general debility resulting from chronic infection caused by the wounds. The general condition of the deceased was so poor that it was impossible to perform an operation. In his direction to the Jury, His Worship pointed out that if they found that the Police constables exceeded their legal rights in firing at the fugitive after he had fired at the constables then the verdict would have to be manslaughter. Chun Sang, Abbas and P.C. Wong Kai, whose bullets caused the death of Au Sang.

If they found the constables acted within their rights, then they should return a verdict of involuntary manslaughter. A verdict of "double homicide," with a rider that the constables concerned were exonerated from all responsibility, was returned.

Airport Fire In Manila

A fire of unknown origin which swept through a hangar at the Manila airport today destroyed a large amount of aircraft engines and spare parts and threatened about a score of planes parked on the international airport.

Only a sudden wind shift saved a warehouse filled with oils and greases from destruction.

The fire is one of the several recently recorded in United States army depots which are about to be turned over to the Philippine Government under the surplus property agreement.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN AND INDONESIA

London, Mar. 17. When asked in the House of Commons today if the British Government would make representations to the Netherlands Government on the failure to sign an agreement on the future of Indonesia, Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, replied that representations had been made to the Dutch Government.

In reply to Mr. Walter Fletcher, who asked if something could not be done to make the agreement effective, Mr. McNeill said: "I will not go beyond what I have said. We are watching the situation very carefully. I am not prepared to say more at the moment."

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Strathmore Tatham Butlin of Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Gloucester Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Chartered Accountant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 7th day of April 1947.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 11th day of March 1947.

JOHNSON STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Executor,
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building,
Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

NOTICE

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG

The records of the above-named institution having been lost, information on the following matters is urgently required by the undersigned:—

- The names and present addresses of all members and any information they may have preserved about the institution.
- The names and addresses of persons or firms who have claims against the institution, other than those whose claims have already been sent in.
- Any facts which may lead to the tracing and recovery of any of the institution's records, papers, documents, furniture or fittings.

W. F. Simpson,
Honorary Secretary,
Medical Dept.,
4th floor, Fire Brigade Building
Connaught Road, Hongkong.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the partnership previously existing between Felix Maurice Ellis and Aubrey Jacob Edgar who carried on business under the style of Ellis & Edgar as stock and sharebrokers has been dissolved by mutual consent.

It is requested that all parties having claims against the firm will send full particulars thereof immediately to Mr. F. M. Ellis, Room 63, Stock Exchange Building, Ice House Street.

FELIX MAURICE ELLIS
AUBREY JACOB EDGAR

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Sealed Tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Repairs to the P. W. D. Diving Barge" will be received at the office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Public Works Department, until Noon on Friday, 28th March, 1947.

Detailed specification of work required to be done may be obtained by application to the Superintending Engineer, Government Slipway, Yau-mat.

Tenders must attach to each tender a receipt that they have deposited at the Treasury, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road, the sum of Dollars Five Hundred (\$500.00) as a pledge of the bona fides of their tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Hong Kong Government if any tenderer fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted. The deposit shall be returned to any tenderer whose tender is not accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, and reserves the right to accept all or any part of each tender.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1947.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Applications are invited from Chinese ladies for three months training as medical-social workers preparatory to appointment in the near future as Assistant Almoners in the Medical Department. There will be six vacancies.

It is proposed to give the candidates an interesting training in practical social work with some instruction in theory.

Applicants should be between 22 and 30 years of age, possess a University degree or diploma, and have a good knowledge of Cantonese and English. Previous experience in social welfare work is desirable but not essential.

Applications in English, with copies of three testimonials, should be sent to the Almoner, Medical Department, Hong Kong Bank Building, not later than Saturday, 29th March, 1947.

Sd. P. S. SELWYN-CLARKE,
Director of Medical Services.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1947.

EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY AT THE COCKTAIL BAR RESTAURANT

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BEST FOOD!
BEST DRINK!
"SERVED WITH A SMILE"

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Friday the 28th day of March, 1947, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1946, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 10th March to Friday the 28th March, 1947 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board.
A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th Feb., 1947.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG & CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

For the purpose of checking the Company's register of members, holders of shares are requested to send to the registered Office of the Company at Windsor House, Mozzan Lane Floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong the following particulars:—

- Full name and address of the registered shareholder
- Number of shares
- Serial Numbers
- Distinguishing numbers of shares

Holders are also requested to produce to the Company for examination and endorsement if in order the certificates for all the shares that they hold.

Dated at Hong Kong this 18th day of March 1947.

J. D. THOMSON,
Secretary.

NOTICE

At the suggestion of the Unofficial Members of the Executive Council and Legislative Council a dinner has been arranged in order to afford the Community of Hong Kong an opportunity to pay a tribute to His Excellency the Governor Sir Mark Young, G.C.M.G. in view of his pending departure from the Colony.

The dinner will be held in the early part of May. The exact date and place will be announced later.

Any member of the community who desires to attend should apply to any one of the following:—

The Hon. Mr. A. Morse, Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau, China Building.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida Castro, Prince Bldg.

Mr. D. Ruttonjee, Duddell Street.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, 4th floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, the 20th day of March 1947 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the period 1st September 1946 to 31st December 1946, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st Feb., 1947.

Service Auction Rooms

Auctioneers, Surveyors, etc.
Basement, French Bank Bldg.,
A.E.B. de Sousa, Auctioneer.
Telephone 81807.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned has received instructions from the Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction.

on WEDNESDAY,
THE 19th MARCH, 1947,
Commencing at 10 a.m.,

at THE SERVICE AUCTION ROOMS,
FRENCH BANK BUILDING,
BASEMENT.

163 LOTS OF
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS,
Comprising:—

STORED AT
CUSTODIAN I.K. GOWDON,
MA TAU WEI ROAD,
KOWLOON.

Tables, Dressing Tables, Dining Tables, Kitchen Tables, Chairs, Armchairs, Settees, Wooden Benches, Beds, Wardrobes, Sideboards, Bookcases, Filing Cabinets, Teapots, Box Springs, Horsehair Mattresses, Safe, "Moutrie" Piano, Refrigerator, Ice Chest, Electric Stove, Hat and Coat Stands, Steam Packings, Etc., Etc.

STORED AT
SERVICE AUCTION ROOMS,
FRENCH BANK BUILDING,
BASEMENT.

Microscope, "Royal" Portable Typewriter, Books.

STORED AT
LAND TRANSPORT'S
CAROLINE HILL GARAGE,
CAROLINE HILL,
"Ford" Engine.

The abovementioned articles will be open for inspection at their respective godowns on the 17th and 18th March, 1947, between 10 a.m. and noon and between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Inspection Permits will be issued by the Undersigned at his Auction Rooms.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette Volume 2, No. 12, of 9th March, 1946.

A. E. B. DE SOUSA,
Auctioneer.

Hong Kong, 17th Mar., 1947.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors and Appraisers.
Pedder Building,
Telephone No. 20224.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Friday, the 21st March 1947
commencing at 2.30 P.M.

at their Sales Rooms No. 35
Hankow Road Kowloon.

A FINE COLLECTION OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE
comprising:—

Teak Bed Room Suite, Wardrobes with Mirror, Dressing Tables with Mirror & Stool, Low-boy, Chest of Drawers, Office Writing Tables, Typist Tables, Extension Dining Tables, Sideboards, Glass Cabinets, Chairs, Blackwood Majong Table, Easy Armchairs, Blackwood Music Cabinet, Tennis Rackets, Carpets, Rugs, Tea Poy, Kitchen Tables, Meat Safe, Couch, Glass Ward, Standard Lamp, Rattan Chairs Blackwood Curio Cabinet and Cutlery Etc., Etc.

Also

- "Mullard" Radio Set
- Wendhouse Rectangular Autometer Roaster

On View from Thursday, the 20th March 1947.

Terms: As Customary.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

REISS BRADLEY & CO., LTD.

Mr. Lo Kung Mok (羅公睦) has been appointed a Director of this Company and will sign as such from this date.

J. ROBINSON
Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1947.

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF DISPOSALS Far Eastern Area (M.O.S.)

1. THE BRITISH STORES DISPOSAL BOARD (HONG KONG) is authorised to receive TENDERS for the following SCRAP VEHICLES:—

LOCATED AT THE ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS DEPOT, SHAMSHUPO, KOWLOON.

Lot	Article	Quantity
Lot 1	Lorry 5 ton 4x2 Ford	4
	BAAG 1014	
	Lorry 5 ton 4x2 Ford	
	BAAG 1018	
	Lorry 5 ton 4x2 Ford	
	BAAG 1021	
	Lorry 5 ton 4x2 Chev.	
	NK/1A	
Lot 2	Tk 15 cwt 4x2 Fordson	4
	Car Utility Austin NK/21B	
	Lorry 5 ton 4x2 Internat.	
	ional N.A.70	
	Lorry 30 cwt Ford 6224	
	Tk 15 cwt Morris Commer.	
	cial NK/2A	
	Tk 15 cwt 4x4 Chev.	
	N.A.41	
	Tk 15 cwt Morris Commer.	
	cial NK/2B	
	Tk 15 cwt Morris Commer.	
	cial NK/2C	
Lot 4	Tk 15 cwt 4x2 Fordson	3
	Tk 15 cwt 4x4 Chev.	
	N.A.43	
Lot 5	Lorry 5 ton Bedford NK/5A	4
	Lorry 5 ton Fordson Tipper	
	NK/5C	
	Amulance Body Austin	
	N.E.4	
	Lorry 5 ton Fordson Tipper	
	NK/5C	
Lot 6	Lorry 5 ton Bedford N.D. 68	4
	Van Delivery 4x2 Fordson	
	NK/6A	
	Lorry 5 ton Albion N.C.12	
	Tk 15 cwt 4x4 Chev.	
	N.A.22	
Lot 7	Tractor Crossley NK/7A	3
	Lorry 5 ton 4x2 Bedford	
	NK/7B	
	Saloon Car Body Chev.	
	NK/7C	
Lot 8	Camel Caravan NK/8A	4
	Lorry 5 ton 4x2 Chev.	
	NK/8C	
	Lorry 5 ton 4x2 Mack	
	NK/8C	
	Lorry 5 ton Ford 1418	
Lot 9	Tk 15 cwt 4x4 Chev.	5
	N.A.20	
	Lorry 5 ton 4x2 Bedford	
	NK/9A	
	Tk 15 cwt 4x4 Chev.	
	NK/9B	
	Tk 15 cwt 4x2 Fordson	
	NK/9C	
	Tk 15 cwt 4x4 Chev.	
	NK/9D	
Lot 10	Tk 15 cwt Morris Commer.	4
	cial NK/10A	
	Lorry 5 ton International	
	NK/10D	
	Van Delivery 4x2 Fordson	
	NK/10E	
	Lorry 5 ton 4x4 Chev.	
	NK/10F	
Lot 11	Tk 15 cwt Morris Commer.	2
	cial NK/11A	
	Lorry 5 ton International	
	NK/11B	
Lot 12	Tk 15 cwt 4x4 Chev.	4
	NK/12A	
	Lorry 5 ton 4x2 Fordson	
	NK/12B	
	Jeep 5 cwt 4x4 41088 RN	
	Car Body Hillman NK/12C	
Lot 13	Lorry 5 ton 4x4 Fordson	5
	Lorry 5 ton 4x4 Bedford	
	NK/13B	
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NO EPHEMERAL GESTURE

Will the new Franco-British Entente Cordiale be a joint insurance? It would at least be altogether too superficial to say that it is a valueless insurance against the possibility of aggression by a corpse. Germany is prostrate and powerless today; but so she was, in the view of many, in 1918, and experience shows that wise statesmanship should never reckon on the old Adam to be permanently defunct either in men or in nations. The new Treaty is to last for 50 years, and it would be foolish to assert that for all that time it will be a dead letter.

The next question is whether the Treaty is superfluous. Some may think so, because, as the Treaty itself so fully recognises, it is within the framework of the United Nations, upon whom is to devolve the main responsibility for preserving peace. But that world organisation has hardly yet been fully created or in any way tested; and even supposing it fulfils every hope, its architects expressly recognised the value of regional arrangements. That is why there has been much talk about a Western European bloc, or a United States of Europe, without any disparagement of or conflict with the conception of a larger organisation. This Treaty, which recognises the special common interests of two Western European nations, is thus neither superfluous nor cynical. It has, after all, been drafted and endorsed by the blood of some 3,000,000 French and British men.

Nor is it superfluous in the sense that it merely puts on paper an obvious and eternal harmony. There have been, let it be frankly stated, and there may still be, elements in both countries whose reciprocal feelings are far from essentially fraternal. On the whole, the Entente had been valid throughout its life of over 40 years. That is technically true, but no flood of sentiment should drown the fact that for most of the period between the two wars, thanks to faults on both sides, the Entente was highly uncordial; and that is one of the main reasons why there was a second world war.

It may be said that we are tying ourselves to a France both weaker and more unpredictable. The first answer is that we are both, unhappily, weaker. The second is that if the second war has taught us both anything, it has taught us that those who have common ideas about democracy, liberty, and civilisation should stand together. As for France being "unpredictable," M. Thorez, the Communist leader, was very far from Dunkirk in 1940, but as Deputy Prime Minister he is now a party to this Treaty—surely a proof that whatever the political future of France, her friendship for Britain is as predictable as anything in human affairs can be. It is, of course, true that treaties, to be effective, must reflect truths; but all the evidence is that this Treaty is a beau geste, not an ephemeral gesture. There is the joint blood-bath of the past, the joint view of the rights of man, the largely complementary economies which the economic clause of the Treaty recognises. These are solid grounds for the hope that the marriage between an empirical and a logical nation will be happy and enduring.

ANGLO-DUTCH INCIDENTS

London, Mar. 17. Mr. Hector McNell said today that Britain has twice sent requests to the Netherlands for an explanation and assurances that the halting of British cargo vessels off Indonesia will cease.

Mr. McNell said eleven such incidents had been reported—United Press.

THE END OF THE NAZIS: SECRET OUT

Frankfurt, Mar. 17. The bodies of Hermann Goering and the 10 top Nazis executed at Nuremberg were cremated and dispersed in the city where Nazism started and finished—Munich.

This story of how the bodies, which came to Munich early one morning and by midnight had been ashes to be poured into the river from their chopped and shattered metal urns, has been compiled by United Press correspondents in four German cities after weeks of checking competent and reliable sources. In the Ostfriedhof (east of Munich) German civilian cemetery there is a grey stone building 40 feet wide, some 80 feet long and as high as a three-story house, surrounded by a six-foot stone wall which contains a chapel and in the basement, a way over for cremation.

It is reported that the crematorium now operating in Bavaria Corpses some times backlog as many as 40 or 50 in the basement, its attendants say, and some 3,500 bodies have been reduced to ashes there in the past 16 months. Eleven were cremated on October 16, the day of the Nuremberg executions. An American officer arrived at 5 a.m. that day, not even two hours after the bodies had been taken by Nuremberg, and told the German attendants that trucks would arrive at 7 a.m. with the bodies of 11 American soldiers killed and buried during the war, whose ashes had been requested by their families. Actually it was 9 a.m. before guards surrounded the crematorium to separate it from the cemetery grounds, and two trucks disgorged 11 heavy wooden army caskets to be carried down to the oven in the basement. Fires already were going. Except for the German guard, a German technician, only a handful of American officers were present. The caskets were not opened.

The cremations lasted all day. Except for a slight overlapping the oven could handle only one coffin at a time, the wood being

heavier than that of a normal German cremation casket, and each took more than an hour.

It was 11 p.m. before the work was finished. An American officer took the 11 heavy urns and the military party left the crematorium.

The Germans had not exactly been fooled. As soon as they heard the news they speculated the need for investigating Goering's suicide probably delayed the arrival two hours. It was known in Nuremberg that morning that examination of his body caused the trucks to leave behind schedule.

The time, date and precise location of the next scene is not exactly known. At least three Americans—a high army security officer, a mortuary officer and a civilian undertaker—were present. It was broad daylight in the little suburb of Solln, south of Munich. The European Theatre mortuary No. 1 at Hellmannstrasse 25, formerly the villa of a wealthy merchant, R. Oberhammer, is a big white stucco house with a red tile roof and white stucco walls, standing on a 60-foot cliff above the Isar River. A stairway winds down the cliff and 30 yards from the foot of Creek Wenz, a creek barely a mile and a half long, which rises from springs in the hills and flows by fits and starts through occasional deep pools down to the Isar.

Seventy-five yards beyond the Wenz Creek, across a footbridge spanning its shallow 12-foot width, run two placid branches of the Isar River, some 30 yards wide—one the natural bed and the other like the Wenz Creek, power canal. The original Herr Wenz had dammed the creek for power for a paving block factory.

It may have been the creek or one of the two Isar branches, but it was somewhere on the isolated river—plain that 11 aluminium cylinders, some 16 inches high and six inches in diameter, were lined up in mixed sand and high grass along the water. They were tightly sealed. One by one the cylinders were chopped with axes, smashed over with lost heels and their contents sifted into the water, which eventually finds its way into the muddy grey Danube.

Judgment of the victor nations was carried out—United Press.

Sanity In The Modern World

London, Feb. 27.

Five brain trusters gave Britain a sanity test in public recently and decided 3 to 2, that she had all her buttons—which is more than they would say for a certain republic across the Atlantic or a certain Soviet state.

Before the BBC broadcast sessions broke up in an argument, philosophers Bertrand Russell and C.E.M. Joad joined educator Margery Fry in giving qualified "yes" answers to the question: Is Britain the only sane country left in the world?

Their fellow-experts on BBC's "brains trust" programme, diplomat Harold Nicolson and atom scientist Edward Andrade, cocked sceptical eyebrows.

Russell—who has resumed his seat in the House of Lords after a turbulent teaching career in New York, Philadelphia and elsewhere in the U.S.—set the tone of the discussion:

"I think the Scandinavian countries are completely sane. As far as I know, Holland is sane. But I think that perhaps Britain is the only large country that is sane—we are more sane than any of the other great powers."

Without so much as a pause for American and Russian radios to be turned off, Joad declared:

"I think there are people in the world who know more about the art of living than we do—the French, obviously, and the Chinese but I think we know more about the art of living together in society than any other people."

Then the argument began—with so many interruptions and protests that the BBC stenographer recorded "confusion of voices" and gave up trying to keep the record straight.

Nicolson, just back from Paris, said that it was "typically English" to say that Britain had a corner on Democracy.

In the background, Miss Fry could be heard saying she believed the British had a "rather special" quality of seeing the other side of a question while Andrade asked sardonically in England's devotion to dog racing and football matches was a proof of sanity.

The moderator called a halt, he said, Britain lose her world reputation for sanity—Associated Press.

LEWIS WARNED!

Washington, Mar. 18.

The Supreme Court has in effect told John L. Lewis that no March 31 coal strike will be tolerated.

In ruling commands Lewis to cancel his notice terminating the softcoal miners' contract with the Government and to notify the miners that he has done so, under pain of a US \$2,800,000 fine against the United Mineworkers—Associated Press.

Washington, Mar. 18. The Combined Tin Committee reporting a deterioration in world supplies, announced today a small additional allocation totalling 6,700 tons for the first half of 1947 for tin of requests filed by some 20 countries sharing the tin allocation—Associated Press.

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Hereafter, Miss Miggins, when you hear me making wild promises to a visitor, will you please tell me whether he's a constituent or a solicitor?"

Congress Divided on 'Invasion' of Greece

Washington, Mar. 17.

Nationalists and internationalists with party lines shattered are girding today for a mighty battle in Congress over President Harry Truman's programme for financial and military aid, not only to Turkey

By ARTHUR
SEARS HEHNING

and Greece but to all other countries menaced by the Russian Communists.

Congress is again divided, as it was before Pearl Harbour. Again the internationalists, led by the converted isolationist Republican, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and by Canadian-born Republican Representative Charles A. Eaton, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, are contending that unless the United States mends the ramparts of Europe and Asia another totalitarian power—this time Russia—will sweep on and on until it engulfs and threatens the extinction of this country.

In the forthcoming debate, the internationalists intend to make much of the arguments that what President Truman proposes in this atomic age is merely global extension of the Monroe Doctrine proclaimed to safeguard the hemispheric security of the United States.

Nationalist View
It is the view of the nationalists that Russia, even if she should obtain the atom bomb secret, cannot expect to match America's production of this weapon and the necessary giant bombing planes or other launching mechanism within fifteen to twenty years because of her industrial backwardness, while America would be able to annihilate Russia from distant bases at the start of any aggression.

The nationalists say that Russian power would find it no easier to get at America across its ocean barriers than it was for Hitler to cross the English Channel at the moment the British had suffered at Dunkirk. Having no great hope of defeating President Truman's proposals in the Senate, the nationalists are concentrating upon resistance in the House.

For one thing, it is proposed that the number of military personnel sent to Greece and Turkey to train their armies be restricted in such a manner as to preclude the despatch of American troops to these countries—Router.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE

London, Mar. 17. Critics and the United Kingdom have stated their views on tariffs and Empire Preference at the Commonwealth trade talks at present taking place in London, a conference spokesman said today.

Other Commonwealth countries are commenting on the United Kingdom and Canadian views, he said.

The talks were formally opened last Tuesday, but the first real discussions started today—Router.

New York, Mar. 18. Prices for foreign silver dropped both in New York and London. Brokers here quoted silver down 1 cent to 74 cents, and since while dealers in London cited a half penny off the price dropping it to 4/6—Associated Press.

Snapshots Of Earth's Magnetism!

By A. L. BLAKESLEE

Scientists for the first time have been getting "snapshots" pictures of the earth's magnetism at both the North and South Poles at the same split second.

These pictures are measurements of earth's magnetic field taken twice daily at Little America near the South Magnetic Pole simultaneously by prearrangement with measurements at Thule, Greenland, near the North Magnetic Pole.

They will answer one question in the great mystery of earth's magnetism—are constant changes in the strength of earth's magnetism worldwide at the same time, or do they differ at the two Poles?

The answer can be important for various instruments affected by magnetism, for radio reception, even for modern prospecting for oil and minerals by magnetic detectors. Exactly what magnetic force is, why earth has it and where it comes from is unknown.

Magnetism, however, varies constantly in strength, and often changes very rapidly. It also is known that sun-spots cause magnetic storms which have motion and which cause barriers or "blackouts" to radio and communications reception.

Four U. S. Naval Ordnance laboratory scientists headed by M. F. Davis have been making measurements here of how much and how often the magnetic field changes. These will be compared later with measurements taken at the Thule weather station where identical equipment was installed last summer.

The measurements are made by a detector coil which is the heart of the magnetic airborne detector—called "MAD" for short. MAD was a wartime development of the U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory, taking up where radar left off to spot submarines under water. In peacetime MAD is being used by the Navy for magnetic mapping to aid in ship navigation and to prospect for oil. By detecting changes in magnetism, MAD can indicate areas of likely geological formations for oil and it has been used in Alaska, Wyoming, New Mexico and off the coasts of Louisiana, Texas and Maryland.

In the job here, the MAD detector coil was buried in snow to measure rather slow variations in the magnetic field. By "slow" in this case is meant changes which take several seconds to occur. The fluctuations are recorded on a paper graph.

The Davis group has been using other instruments to measure even swifter variations in the magnetic field, photographic devices which record variations of many cycles in a second.

Dr. H. Herbert Howe and Lt. Charles A. Schone of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey have been measuring absolute intensity of the magnetic field and of extremely slow variations. All these studies promise to add increased understanding of the puzzle of terrestrial magnetism—Associated Press.

BIG QUAKE IN TURKISTAN?

West Bromwich, Mar. 17. An earthquake of exceptional violence was recorded by Mr. J. Shaw, prominent British seismologist, at West Bromwich this morning.

The first tremors arrived about 8.31 a.m. GMT. At 10 p.m. the oscillation of the recording pointers had reached eight inches, an exceptional figure. The disturbance continued for about three hours.

A Reuter despatch from America said that an earthquake of magnitude was recorded at the California Institute at 8.33 GMT. Dr. Charles Richter said the distance was about 7,200 miles, probably in the central Asiatic part of the Soviet Republic, formerly known as "Turkistan"—Router.

DAYLIGHT SAVING AT HOME

London, Mar. 18. Britain moved her clocks forward one hour today under the daylight saving programme, begun earlier than usual this year to conserve power as a result of the industrial tie-up.

On April 15, double summer time starts and clocks will be moved forward another hour. On August 10, the time will be set back an hour and on November 2, back again another hour—Associated Press.



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BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS Commons Perturbed By Situation In Punjab

"Historic Forces At Work"

Lahore, Mar. 17. The situation in Punjab is "more or less under control," Jawaharlal Nehru told pressmen today after a three-day tour of the disturbed areas.

"I think the disturbance will completely end within a very few days," he said. "So far as I have been able to see the military are acting efficiently and with rapidity."

"I have seen ghastly sights and heard of behaviour which would be degrading to brutes," he added. "Everything that had happened was intimately connected with political affairs. If politics are to be conducted in this way then they cease to be politics and become some kind of jungle warfare which reduces a human habitation to the state of a desert."

"India will go on the long and distant path to her destined end of independence and nothing that has happened is going to stop this. So, I am sure, will the Punjab, as a part of India, in spite of everything that has happened and is likely to happen. Mighty historic forces are at work driving us all in that direction despite our own follies."

"It is up to us, however, to march ahead with dignity and heads erect."—Reuter.

ON SPEAKING TERMS AGAIN

Rome, Mar. 17. The Yugoslav Government has invited the Italian Government to resume normal diplomatic relations as soon as possible, it was officially announced here today. The Italian Foreign Minister has expressed great satisfaction and declared that Italy is ready to reopen Italian and Yugoslav legations in Rome and Belgrade. —Reuter.

Britains Fight For Allies In Moscow

Moscow, Mar. 17. Representation of the Allied countries on the permanent committees for the German peace treaties, was urged by Britain and opposed by Russia at today's meeting of the special deputies for Germany.

Sir William Strang (Britain) proposed the following formula: "The permanent committees will consist of representatives of the four powers and representatives of such of the Allied states as may decide to be represented. Each committee shall elect its own chairman and rapporteur."

There are four committees involved: 1. The political and constitutional structure of Germany. 2. The territorial readjustments and related problems. 3. Economic organization. 4. Disarmament and demilitarization. The new proposal was broader in scope than the original British proposal made in London, which was that each committee should consist of the Big Four and a convenient number of the Allies.

It would mean that each of the 16 Allies could be represented on any of the four committees which might thus have as many as 22 members.

Mr. Robert Murphy (United States) indicated that the Americans were in sympathy with the British object of making representations as inclusive as possible but refrained from committing his delegation on the details.

No Shores

M. Andrei Vyshinsky (Russia) immediately objected that the

Use Of British Troops Criticised

London, Mar. 17. After Mr. Arthur Henderson, Under-Secretary for India, had told the House of Commons today that he would not care to commit himself on the likelihood of the establishment of a responsible Government in the Punjab in the near future, Mr. Richard Butler, Conservative, asked if he did not think it rather irresponsible to talk of clearing out of India when there was no responsible Government in sight?

Captain Gamman, Conservative, opened a barrage of questions by asking why British troops were used to restore order in Amritsar, why Indian troops were not used instead and if it was proposed to continue to use British troops to suppress communal riots until May 31, 1948.

Mr. Henderson replied: "The British troops in question are the one company already stationed at Amritsar and two battalions were brought in on March 7 and subsequently withdrawn."

"I am informed that these battalions were those most easily available at the time. A company of Indian troops had already been brought in and are still there."

"The decision as to what troops to use rests with the local commander and so long as British troops remain on Indian establishment, they must clearly be available for any purpose for which troops are required, including the maintenance of public order."

"Repugnant?"

Captain Gamman: Surely it is repugnant to the spirit of the Government's new policy that British troops should be used for the interim Government and to coerce one section of the community.

Henderson: That is not a statement of fact which I could accept. Troops are not being used against one section of the community. They are used against any lawbreakers and that is not what is the function of any troops.

Godfrey Nicholson, Conservative, then asked for the latest information about disturbances in the Punjab, including the approximate casualties suffered by Moslem, Hindu and Sikh communities.

Mr. Henderson replied that on March 4, serious communal rioting broke out in Lahore. During

the next few days, similar outbreaks occurred in other towns, including Amritsar and Rawalpindi. "I regret to say that the casualties have been heavy and there has been much damage to property."

The immediate situation in the towns is under control. Disturbances have unfortunately spread from towns to rural areas, particularly in the Moslem majority district of the north and west, where the situation is still serious and tension between communities remains very high.

Acute Situation

"All possible measures to deal with the situation are being taken but it continues acute in all parts of the province. The casualty figures are admittedly incomplete, especially in respect of rural areas but verified casualties up to the evening of March 16 were 1,040 killed and 1,167 injured. "I regret I am not in the position to give figures for each community."

"Feeling"

Mr. Godfrey Nicholson: I am sure I speak for the whole House when I say that we deeply deplore these tragic events. Are the British Government considering their relevance to the recent declaration of their new Indian policy?

There were Conservative cries of "answer" as Mr. Henderson replied: "So far as the British Government are concerned, said Mr. Henderson, they would not accept any suggestion that there is any connection at all."

Mr. Richard Butler, Conservative: Is there any likelihood of a responsible Government being established in the Punjab in the near future?

Mr. Henderson: I would not like to commit myself on that because there is no doubt that considerable feeling exists between the three communities. Mr. Butler: Is it not rather reasonable then to talk about quelling when there is no responsible Government at present in sight.—Reuter.

MACARTHUR'S LATEST

Washington, Mar. 17. The State Department had no comment on General MacArthur's statement that the time had come to end the military occupation of Japan and place its administration under the United Nations. The Department spokesman declined to say whether the Department had received advance notice of the proposal. —United Press.

Attempt To Shoot Briton

Lisbon, Mar. 17. An attempt to shoot the British Naval Attaché in Lisbon, Commander J. W. McClelland, on the night of March 12, was disclosed by a British Embassy spokesman here today.

He said that McClelland was driving home at about 8.15 p.m. when a car suddenly dived up alongside and tried to force him over to the edge of the road. At the same time, a car in front slowed up and a man leaped out and fired several shots at McClelland.

Commander McClelland kept control of his car and the other two cars then made off. The attack took place on a lonely stretch of the Lisbon-Estoril road, and the police have not yet been able to discover any witnesses.—Reuter.

WAR ON DACOITY

Rangoon, Mar. 17. "Operation Flush"—the military campaign to crush the "Daenit Dictatorship" in central Burma and restore law and order—is progressing satisfactorily, an Army spokesman told Reuter today.

The operations, which cover the districts of Pegu, Toungoo and Yemethin (an area of about 25,000 square miles), have been going on for nearly a fortnight. Large forces of British, Indian and Burma army infantry, supported by armoured cars and assisted by the civil police, are participating in the campaign.—Reuter.

Honolulu, Mar. 17. The Navy announced today that when on the battered stern of the tanker Fort Denborn have been safely transferred to a Navy patrol escort vessel.—United Press.



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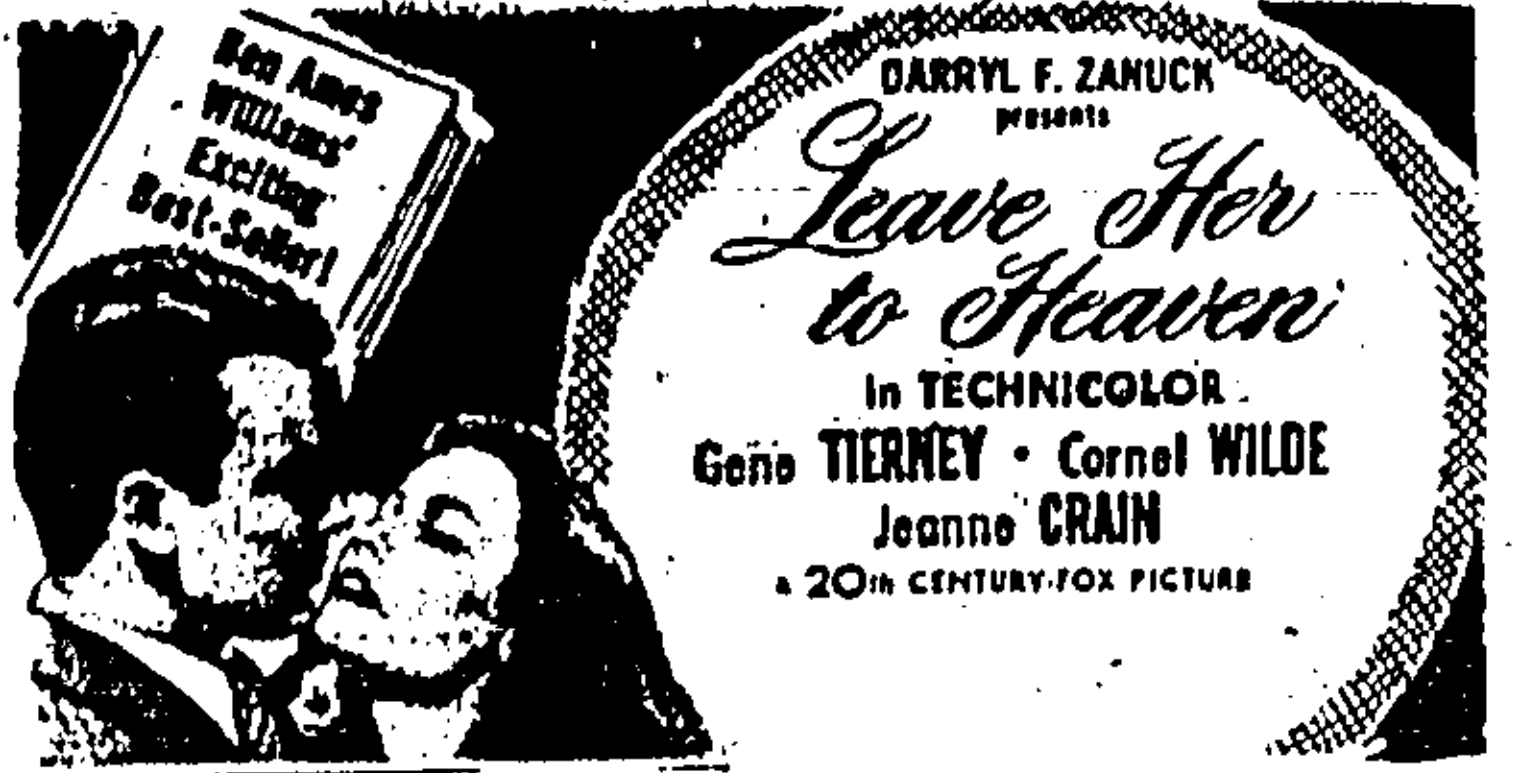
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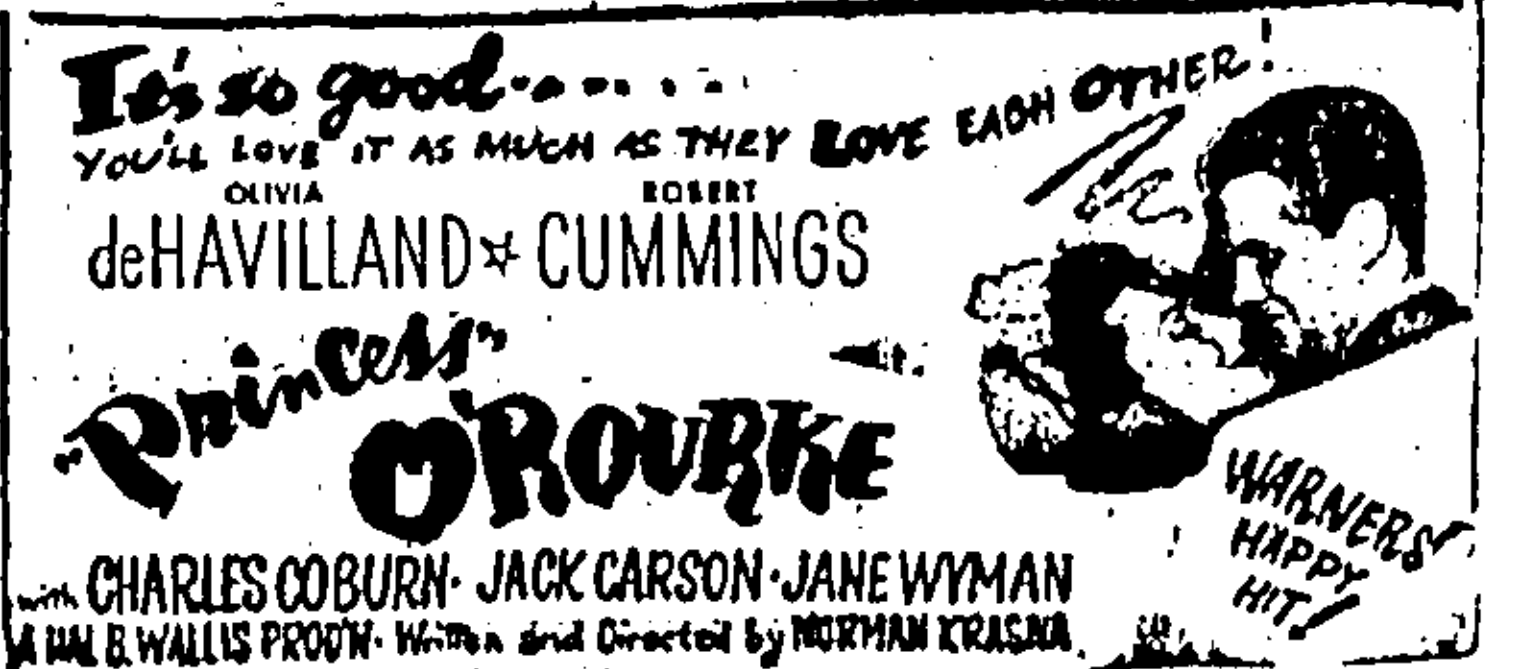


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CRISIS IN INDONESIA

Dutch Military Operations "To Save Rice"

Virtual Ultimatum By Sjahrir

Batavia, Mar. 17.
Dutch troops have occupied the city of Mojokerto, 35 miles south of Sourabaya, in their drive to take over the dykes and sluices cut by "Indonesian extremists."

Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, Indonesian Premier, was told that the reason for the operation was failure of the Republican Army to prevent the flooding of Dutch positions near Medkokerto by diverting the Porong river.

The spokesman of the Commission-General said that the occupying was undertaken after negotiations with Indonesian began on February 26. The interests of hundreds of thousands of Indonesian and Chinese in the area required immediate action. Neither the Netherlands nor the Netherlands East Indies Government, he said, had changed the previous policy not to use military strength for political purposes.

The operation was to save 100 tons of rice due to be harvested next month and to prevent starvation of the local population.

The spokesman admitted, however, that no information or warning of the imminence of their action had been given to Indonesian at the joint meeting with the Chiefs of Staff held here last Saturday when an agreement was made for both sides to withdraw.

Ready To Agree

Meanwhile, the Netherlands Government is satisfied with the latest exchange of views with the Indonesian Premier over the agreement and has authorized its Commission-General in Batavia to sign the agreement, according to reliable Dutch sources.

The Commission-General is understood, however, to have not yet conveyed the Netherlands Government's attitude to Dr. Sjahrir who, following the Mojokerto occupation today, left for Jogjakarta to report to President Sukarno. Before he left, the Premier derided the withdrawal of the Dutch troops behind the line of January 21 in a letter, answering notes from Lieutenant-Governor-General H. Van Mook and the Commission-General giving their reasons for the occupation of the inundated area.

Rubbish

London, Mar. 17.
Reports from Washington suggesting that plans existed for the transfer of the British Government and British industries to South Africa or Rhodesia in the event of another war, were denounced by British officials tonight.

The reports indicated that the step would be taken in order to evade the effects of rockets and other guided missiles much more powerful than anything experienced in the last war.

A Government spokesman said: "The reports are complete rubbish from beginning to end, and are not worth discussing in detail."—Reuter.

Surprise Move

Professor Schenker, chairman of the Commission-General, is reliably understood today, to have verbally said to the Indonesians that he himself had been given no advance information of the Army's intentions, but Dr. Van Mook's role to the Premier made it clear that the Army's decision to occupy sluices and dykes controlling the inundated areas was made before Dr. Van Mook flew to Borneo last Friday. The operation also astonished Indonesian Chiefs of Staff, who only on Saturday agreed to a joint plan of withdrawal of both Indonesian and Dutch armed forces.—Reuter.

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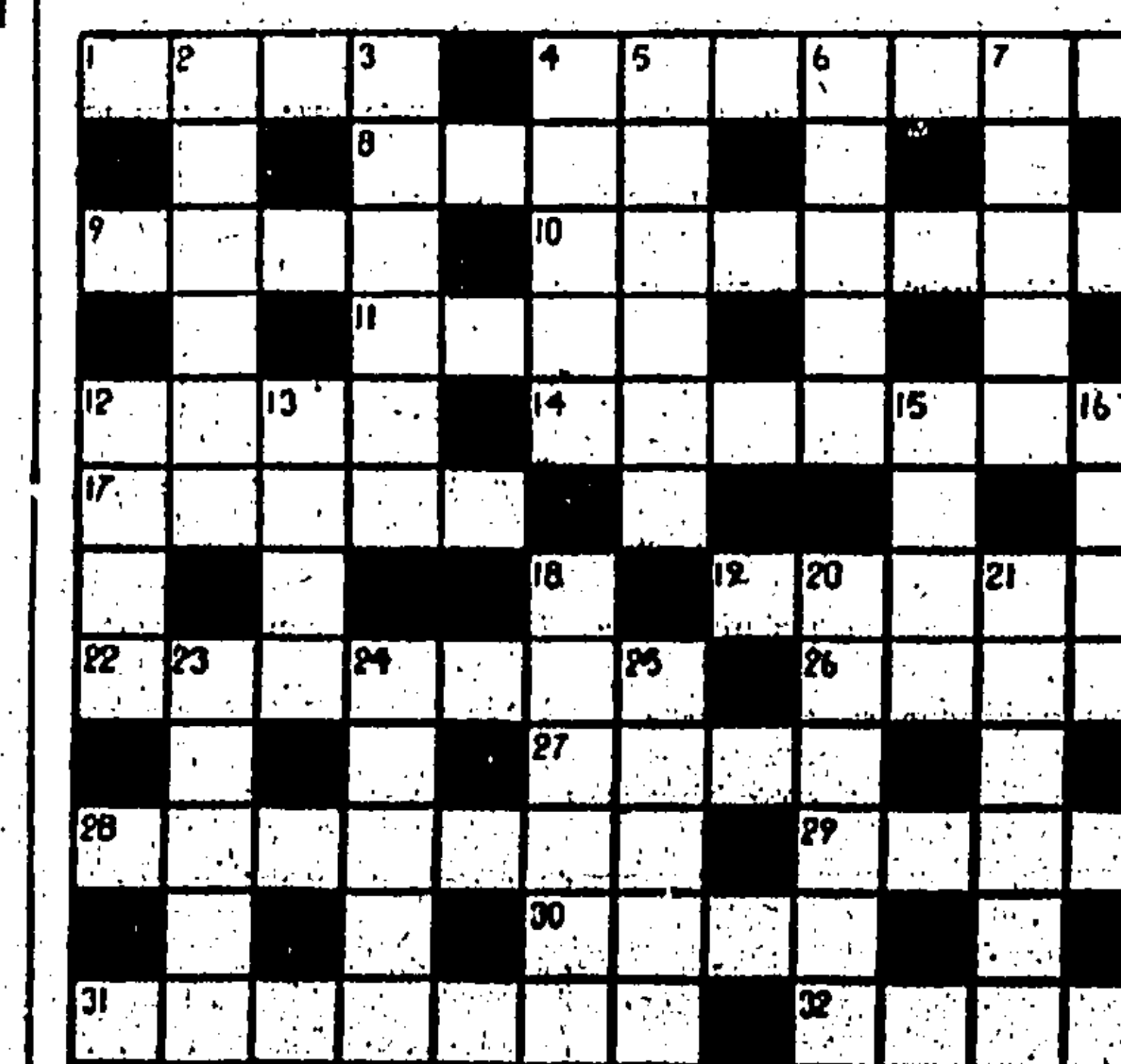


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7. Harmony.
Clues Down
2. Oriental ruler. 15. Tune. 16. Exploit. 3. Writing. 18. Take into custody. 4. Grow less. 5. Run away. 20. Pawn. 6. Governor. 21. Youngster. 7. Ability. 23. Leader. 12. Uninteresting. 25. Dreaminess. 13. Demagogue. 26. Move aside. 27. Eyed. 28. Stuns; 29. Dodder.
Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS:—1. Repair; 5. Usual; 9. Meanly; 10. Stoops; 11. Habit; 12. Trap; 13. Rip; 14. Plant; 15. Upper; 16. Chilly; 20. Titan; 21. Flee; 22. Solon; 23. Flyer; 24. To-do.
DOWN:—1. Rascally; 2. Pre-nect; 3. Imp; 4. Rustal; 5. Unhappy; 6. Staple; 7. Alien; 8. At; 9. Tended; 10. Torpedo; 11. Phoney; 12. Plunged; 13. Hasten; 14. Thirsty; 15. To-do.

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Thrilling Match At Dunedin

Dunedin, Mar. 18.

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Week-End Soccer

The following is the soccer programme for the week ending 22nd March, 1947:

Saturday, 22nd March, 1947

FIRST DIVISION

St. Joseph's v. R.A.F. (Caroline Hill grd. 4.15 p.m.)

Referee: K. K. Ip

Linesmen:—Lui Shiu Ming and Tsang King Hong

Kwong Wah v. Club (Club grd. 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—Leung Yuk Yung

Linesmen:—J. Skinner and P. George

42 R.M. Cdo. v. 27 Field Regt. R.A. (Sookunpoo grd. 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—Cpl. Mellor

Linesmen:—M. Leung and F. A. Barretto

Navy v. C.A.S.C. (Navy grd. 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—F. H. Bullock

Linesmen:—S. Y. Kwok and E. Lawrence

SECOND DIVISION

3 Cdn. Bde. H.Q. v. H.K. Chinese Cadets (Military grd. 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—D. P. Lai

R.A.M.C. v. 1st Bn. Devons (Military grd. 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—P. A. Barretto

Club v. H.K. Signal Coy (Club grd. 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—D. George

Navy v. Kit Che (Navy grd. 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—E. Lawrence

H.Q. Land Forces v. South China (Caroline Hill grd. 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—D. J. Leonard

Sunday, 23rd March, 1947

FIRST DIVISION

Sing Tao v. South China (Club grd. 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—Lac F. Roberts

Linesmen:—W. E. Hilland and Leung Yuk Yung

SECOND DIVISION

Sing Tao v. Kwong Wah (Club grd. 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—J. Havinar

Dockyard v. Police (Navy grd. 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—A. Lock

44 R.M. Cdo. v. 387 Coy. R.A.S.C. (Navy grd. 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—Cpl. Mellor

Readers' Letter

H.K. Football

Sir,—I certainly agree that the game played on Sunday was played in a much better spirit than we have seen for some time in this Colony. Also if the members of the F.A. were courteous, my letters have done something to improve matters and not been in vain, so I shall be able to leave with a lighter heart.

Further in answer to 'China Bowl' I must add that it is mainly the Service teams who have made the Senior Division so successful, and because of the shabby treatment which has been dished up from time to time I have consistently plugged their case, and it seems to have had a little success.

As for 'Barracking' at sports this is done all over the world, but to a lesser degree in England, and because a person 'barracks' it in no way lessens his appreciation for good football and sportsmanship. In amateur football it is the players and officials which make or mar the game, the crowd takes a smaller part than in professional games.

Thank you Mr. Editor, for giving me so much of your space.

W. PITCHER.

WOODCOCK WINS

Manchester, Mar. 17.

Bruce Woodcock, British champion, successfully defended his European heavyweight boxing title by beating Stephan Olek of France, on points over 15 rounds at Belle Vue tonight.

London, Mar. 17.

Sam Birt, business manager for promoter Jack Solomon, tonight revealed all tickets sold for the Birt-Solomon fight at a week-end sale of tickets from Solomon's office.

Joe Louis Without Opponent

New York, Mar. 18.

The "Brown Bomber", Joe Louis, will make the 24th defence of his world title on June 26 at Yankee Stadium, but who the opponent will be is still a question.

The champion's managers, Marshall Miles and John Foxborough, announced plans for the "Brown Bomber's" third post-war championship fight and at the same time emphasised that this will be the only time he will fight in defence of his title this year.

They virtually ruled out all potential challengers except the survivor of the meeting of Bruce Woodcock and Joe Baski scheduled for April 15.

Sports circles in England generally agreed it is doubtful Woodcock will meet Louis. Both the British Empire champion and his manager, Tom Hurst, hedged when asked whether Bruce would make himself available if he got past Baski.

"I don't know," Bruce replied when asked after his 15-round victory over Stephen Olek of France at Manchester last night. "It's up to my manager."

Hurst said: "I haven't decided."

It was recalled he had indicated previously he wanted the champ to get more experience against top flight American heavies before taking on Louis.

Associated Press.

Close Jingles Match

The hardest fought game in the Open Singles tennis championship so far was played yesterday when M. Pagh beat B. Szeto 8-6, 6-1 before a large crowd of spectators.

Every point was very keenly contested and though it was apparent that Szeto was tiring in the later stages of the game, he did well to stage a good recovery when 6-2 down to win the next two games only to lose the next and match.

The first set provided a great struggle. At one time Pagh led 5-3. Szeto then forced the game and took the lead at 6-5. The next three games went to deuce many times before Pagh won 8-6. Level at two games all after winning the last game after several calls of deuce, Pagh won the next three to lead 5-2. But Szeto won the next two games only to lose the last game.

The following were yesterday's results:

Tau Wai-pui beat T. F. Choy 6-2, 6-4.

M. Pagh beat B. Szeto 8-6, 6-1.

Yip Koon-hong beat Ho Ka-lau 6-1, 6-1.

Today's Games

Masman Ma v. George Choy

Roch Ling v. B. C. Fay

Doubles Draw

The following are the opening games of the First Round of the Men's Open Doubles Tennis Championship:

Thursday

Lam Kwai and Wong Hoi-nang v. Albert Chan and James Hsu

Li Wilson and Li Coop v. Bus

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Week-End Yachting

During last week three team races and the 6th of the present Helmsman Series of sweepstakes races have been held, together with several star races. Apart from these regular races there have been some individual sailing in the harbour, but on the whole, and particularly last weekend, the attendance has been noticeably poor. It was seen yesterday, for example, that most yachts, both 11' and the stars, were lying at their moorings rather than being sailed. This small turnout can be attributed, in part, to the fact that the majority of the fleet is away from port, and partly because the new Army units have not yet found their way to Kaitia Island, but above all it seems that it is due to the non-appearance of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club members.

It is to be hoped that this inactivity on the part of the old R.H.K.Y.C. is only a temporary lull brought on perhaps by the weather or even perhaps by bad dreams about the Income Tax, and that the keenness shown during the Christmas Regatta and during last year will soon show itself again. The club work done by the United Services Club last year in making sailing possible for everyone in the Colony will have been wasted, and this beneficial sport will die away from port, and partly because the new Army units have not yet found their way to Kaitia Island, but above all it seems that it is due to the non-appearance of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club members.

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MOUNTAIN CRASH

Hogata, Colombia, Mar. 18.

A TACA Airways plane, with five passengers and three crewmen, crashed today against a mountain peak 25 miles north-west of Medellin. The wreckage has been sighted but there were no indications there are survivors.

—United Press.

Future Of R.A.F.

London, Mar. 17.

The Minister for Air, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, told the House of Commons today that Britain's Air Force may become international "after ten or fifteen years."

Mr. Noel-Baker, presenting Royal Air Force estimates for the coming year of £127,000,000, said: "In the next 10 or 15 years, Britain will have to have a strong air force and maybe it will become international."

Defending the figure, Mr. Noel-Baker said, "We cannot know what armed forces the country may require in a few years from now. We are confronted with two unknowns—what new weapons scientists and technicians will develop and what the political structure of the world is going to be."

"Unless mankind can learn in time how atomic energy can be controlled, the nature of wars, if they continue, will be completely changed. Atomic energy is less costly in proportion to its destructive power than any other weapon. But there may be other means of warfare, both more effective and less costly still."

—United Press.

Margaret Not Ready

Detroit, Mar. 17.

Twenty-three-year-old Margaret Truman today sang three songs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a nationwide radio hookup heard by 15,000,000 in her formal debut as a concert singer.

President Truman, listening at Key West, his wife at the White House and his mother in Grandview, Missouri, telephoned Miss Truman their effusive congratulations.

The critics varied widely in their appreciation. Typical was what Seymour Raven said in today's "Chicago Sun": "Miss Truman is by no means ready, on the basis of this one hearing, for a concert career. She needs fuller education and a broader sense of musicianship before she can hope to be anything more than just another singer but an ordinary singer."

Slightly more caustic, Mildred Norton wrote in the "Los Angeles Daily News": "A voice that should be a great asset to any Sunday school choir."

—United Press.

FRENCH DRIVE TO BORDER

Hanoi, Mar. 16.

French forces driving along the Tonkin coast in Indo-China reached the frontier with China and occupied the town of Mon Cay, just inside Indo-China territory, without resistance.

Saturday, a semi-official French report stated today.

According to French military authorities, French troops received a warm welcome from the local population and have resumed "excellent relations" with the Chinese frontier officials.

LAND FORCES

The following have been selected for Land Forces XI, against R.N. Dockyard at King's Park, in a friendly cricket game on Sunday, March 23, at 11 a.m.

Transport will leave Star Ferry Terminal, Kowloon at 10.45 a.m. Capt. Saunders, Capt. Cole, Capt. Russell, Lieut. Phelps, 983, Andrews, Cpl. Walling, L/Cpl. Turner, Sign. Kennedy, G.N.K. Telf. Sgt. Lang and Sgt. Carly.

Will anyone unable to play, please contact Lieut. Phelps, 34121 Ext. 18, before noon on Thursday, March 20.

CRICKET NOT TO BE AFFECTED

London, Mar. 17.

The English 1947 cricket season programme will be carried out as arranged and will not come under the Government mid-week curfew.

This was announced here this afternoon, following a meeting between the Home Secretary and the MCC.

Woman Who Shot Husband Set Free

Birmingham, Mar. 17.

An English judge today refused to sentence attractive Margaret Powell after the jury had returned a manslaughter verdict on the death of her husband, because she had been "subjected to what was perhaps the greatest insult any man can put upon any woman" which was punishment enough, he said.

Soviet Rejects Proposal

London, Mar. 17.

The Soviet Government has rejected the Anglo-American proposal for a joint Allied inquiry into the Hungarian political crisis, the Foreign Office said today.

"The grounds are the same as in the reply from the Soviet representative on the Allied Council in Budapest—that the security of the Soviet forces in Hungary are involved and that an inquiry would constitute interference in Hungarian internal affairs."

Meanwhile, in Washington, the State Department confirmed that the U.S. representative on the Control Council had handed the Soviet representative a new note of protest but declined to release the text.